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Dear Luria:

How have you been? I saw your paper with Latarjet in J. Bact., and found it of course most fascinating. (I would appreciate a reprint, of course, when you get around to sending them out.) I understand that if two interfering phages are adsorbed on the same cell, that you can not even recover the original infecting particles of the type which does not win out and lyse. Do you think it would be possible to reverse this by irradiating doubly-infected cells?

My real reason for writing is to ask whether it would be possible for you to send me a manuscript copy of the review which you mentioned you were writing recently. I hope to write my Ph.D. thesis shortly, and I would appreciate the opportunity of possibly covering some of the material to which your review might refer. I would return it to you promptly.

The work on K-12 suggests a single-linkage-group, but the evidence is not conclusive. I have a map for 9 factors, however. Have you had any opportunity to work on K-12? I should like to know what your plans might be, if you have formulated them concretely enough. Let me know whether you could have use for any other stocks.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg.